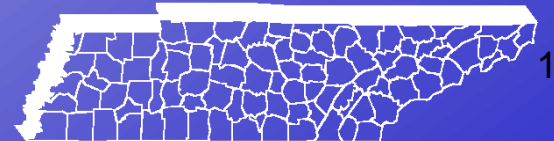


Secondary Diagnostic Assessments

- *Enabling legislation enacted May 2007*
- **Public Chapter No. 273:**
 - **SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-6001(b), is amended by deleting the existing language and by substituting instead the following:**
 - As a strategy for assessing student readiness to enter and succeed in postsecondary training, every public school student shall take a series of three (3) examinations, one (1) administered at grade eight (8), one (1) administered at grade ten (10), and one (1) at grade eleven (11). These assessments shall be approved by the Commissioner of Education and provide educators with diagnostic information to assist in developing interventions for the purpose of increasing high school graduation rates and improving student preparation for postsecondary achievement. Each year, the results of such examinations shall be analyzed and reported by the Commissioner of Education to the Select Oversight Committee on Education.
 - **SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.**



ACT or College Board Products

- ACT – EPAS
 - ACT - 11th Grade
 - PLAN - 10th Grade
 - Explore - 8th Grade
- College Board
 - SAT - 11th Grade
 - PSAT – 10th Grade
 - Read Steps - 8th Grade



ACT Explore/Plan for Tennessee **Ordering Materials**

- Order window open until Oct. 22
- Use TN order procedure provided by ACT to avoid incorrect pricing (national rate)
- Package price now includes alternate format tests (large print/Braille).
- Optionals ordered separately are included in package price.



ACT Explore/Plan for Tennessee **Ordering Materials**

- Pre-ID labels can be ordered
- Pre-paid envelopes for answer sheets now provided



ACT Explore/Plan for Tennessee

2010 Testing Window

September 20 – November 12, 2010



ACT Explore/Plan for Tennessee Testing

- Testing of students does not have to be simultaneous throughout the system.
- Students may test at different times, by grade sections, etc.
- All testing must occur during the testing window.



ACT Explore/Plan for Tennessee

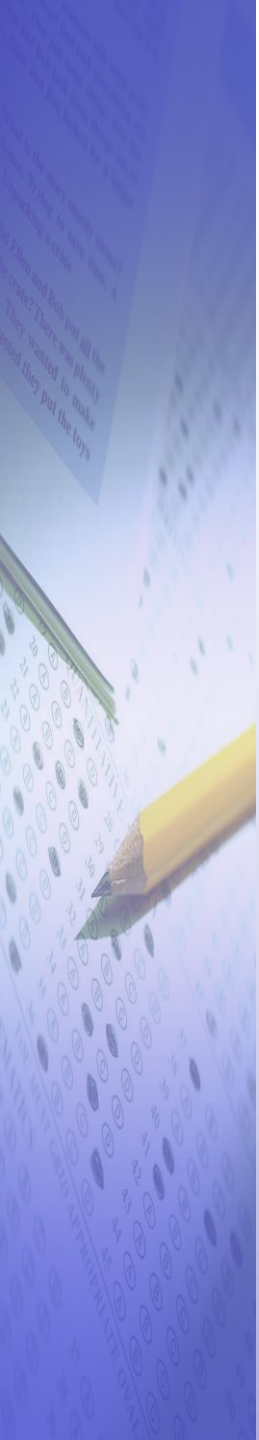
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- Only costs for Explore and Plan are reimbursable.
- Monies to cover ACT/SAT assessments are already included in each system's BEP funding.



ACT Explore/Plan for Tennessee **Reimbursement Protocol**

- LEA is invoiced by ACT
- LEA pays ACT for the number of students assessed.
- LEA sends copies of itemized invoices and canceled checks to TDOE in Assessment and Evaluation
- LEA is reimbursed by TDOE



ACT Explore/Plan for Tennessee

Reimbursement Documentation

May be submitted via:

- E-mail – scan materials into a doc and attach
- FAX (make sure school name & invoice number show)
- US mail



ACT Explore/Plan for Tennessee Reports

- Student score reports and school level reports and data files – approx. 2 weeks after answer docs are returned to ACT
- District level aggregate reports and data files – approx. 4 weeks after district's selected Answer Document Return Date



ACT Explore/Plan for Tennessee

Future Testing Windows

2011	September 19 – November 11
2012	September 17 – November 9



College Board 2011

Next spring, College Board anticipates having available new diagnostic products for 8th and 10th grades.

Information will be shared as it becomes available.

ACT Tennessee Statewide Test

Initial Test Date

Tuesday, March 15, 2011

Make-Up Test Date

Tuesday, March 29, 2011

<http://www.act.org/aap/tennessee>

ACT Tennessee Statewide Test

Initial Test Date

Tuesday, March 20, 2012

Make-Up Test Date

Tuesday, April 3, 2012



Benefits of **Weekday** Test Administration

- Awareness and Exposure among all students
- Students will test in a familiar environment
- High Schools and Districts will receive comprehensive reporting
- Provides the opportunity for students to test with ACT-Approved and State-Allowed Accommodations

ACT for Tennessee Statewide Test

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- *Weekday ACT Assessment is invoiced directly to LEA's in Mid June.*
- *BEP Formula funds are allocated for ACT Administration.*
- *Cost incurred above the BEP Formula allocation are reimbursable as defined by the TN ACT Reimbursement protocol.*

Step 1: Establishment Process:

Establishing your school as a **test site** for the March 15, Make up March 29, 2011 test administration

Timeline

Early – Mid August	Establishment Packets sent to school principals
September	Establishment Packets due back to ACT
October	Test Accommodations Information packet and Accommodation forms mailed to Test Accommodations Coordinator

Step 1: Establishment Process

School Administration Responsibilities

Principal or designee must...

- Consider staffing requirements and select staff to serve as a Test Supervisor (TS), Back-Up Test Supervisor (BU), and Test Accommodations Coordinator (TAC)
- Complete and return Establishment Packet
- Share information in Establishment Packets with assigned staff
- Beginning planning for testing rooms/facilities with Test Supervisor



Step 2: Training Workshops

- All newly appointed Test Supervisors, Back-up Test Supervisors and Test Accommodations Coordinators **are required** to attend a half day training workshop.
- Require one person (TS or BU) to re-attend.
- The workshop address standard testing requirements and the test administration/ test accommodations process.

<http://www.act.org/aap/tennessee/>

Step 2: Training Workshops

Appointed staff will sign-up for a workshop online early
October

- Workshops conducted in January 2011

• <http://www.act.org/aap/tennessee/files/WorkshopInvitation.pdf>



Step 3: Request Accommodations

- ACT-Approved Accommodations available
- A DVD provided for the Test Accommodations Coordinator
- Accommodations procedures and request forms to be mailed to schools in late fall

<http://www.act.org/aap/tennessee/files/FAQ-AccommTesting.pdf>

Step 4: Materials Shipped

- ✓ Test Supervisor will provide ACT with enrollment numbers and shipping information
- ✓ Pretest materials are shipped 5 weeks prior to test date to Test Supervisor
- ***Test materials will arrive one week prior to test date***
- ***Accommodations materials will be sent to Test Accommodations Coordinator***



Step 5: Test Administration

- Schools conduct pretest session prior to test day (Early February- March 14)
- Test Date - *March 15, 2011*
Make-Up Date – *March 29, 2011*
- ACT customer service will be available extended hours to answer questions during the test administration



Step 6: Materials Returned

- ACT will arrange for prepaid pick-up of test materials following the assessment. Schools do not need to arrange for shipping.

Reporting

- Student Score Report
- High School Profile Report
- College Readiness Standards Report
- District High School Profile Report
- District College Readiness
- District Student Data File



ACT College Reportable Scores

- Students testing **Standard Time** or with ACT- Approved Accommodations will receive college reportable scores 3-7 weeks following statewide test admin.
- Scores to be sent to 4 colleges or scholarship agencies at no cost to the student.
- College Reportable Scores available online 1-2 months after test date

ACT
Tennessee Statewide Test
Tuesday, March 15, 2011
Make-Up
Tuesday, March 29, 2011



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